

Minutes
Indiana Recycling Market Development Board (RMDB)
Indianapolis Shadeland Office
2525 N. Shadeland Ave.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46219
Thursday, May 2, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Chairman Bruce Burrow, Jie Chen, Clay Turner, Matt Gratz, Tara Wesseler-Henry and Kelly Weger

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members: Julia Wickard (IDEM), Senator Jean Breaux, Representative Sue Errington

IDEM staff included: Pat Daniel, Deanna Garner, and Tom Leas

Other: Allyson Mitchel, IRC; Debbie Hackman, Jackson County Recycling District

Chairman Bruce Burrow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present. A quorum was present. The minutes/transcript for the RMDB meetings held on February 7, 2019 and April 10, 2019 were approved.

2. IDEM UPDATE

Rebecca Holwerda, Senior Operations Director, office of Governor Eric J. Holcomb, spoke to the board. On behalf of the governor, she stated her support to the board in helping communities, industry, and individuals to recycle and raise awareness of waste reduction issues.

Julia Wickard shared IDEM's Office of Program Support current efforts including:

- Earth day/month outreach, including Earth Day Indiana festival, and the JCC Earth Day event
- Earth Day classroom education utilized 180 IDEM volunteers at 145 schools across the state
- Revitalizing recycling efforts on the state government campus

3. STATUS OF EXISTING GRANTS

All FY19 Grants have been executed with the exception of PMG Tree Care, which has ran into delays. Cox Recycling has completed their project. Several other projects are almost complete.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Geneva Tyler and Nathan Stoelting from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture volunteered their time to facilitate a strategic planning session for the board. The board agreed upon purpose and mission statement and priority areas of consideration for funding. The results are the following:

Mission Statement: Promote innovative projects to make Indiana a leader in recycling and waste reduction.

Vision: Indiana will be a leader in the Midwest for innovative recycling technologies.

Priorities:

- Significant waste reduction in tons
- Promoting curbside recycling throughout Indiana
- Create a better domestic market
- Organics recycling including food waste in anaerobic digesters
- Capturing more plastic
- Cost/Benefit analysis and education
- Waste reduction in schools
- Economic development (distressed areas) and job growth
- E-Waste management improvement
- Innovative technologies
- Awareness of recyclable items

Parking Lot Items

(These items were discussed, but outside the scope of the strategic planning session's agenda)

- Recycling education day at the statehouse
- Inviting representatives of facilities to board meetings for educational purposes
- Research study
- Fund a research project of recyclable material consumers and the economic impact
- Capture a baseline for available domestic markets

5. OTHER

Clay Turner made a motion to fund a 'research study on consumers of Indiana recyclables and recycled commodities and the economic impact. Motion was seconded by Matt Gratz. Motion Carried.

The board expressed interest in touring a past grantee's facility this summer.

Allyson Mitchell invited the board to the Indiana Recycling Coalition conference June 10-12. Also, she mentioned tours/presentations of recycling facilities, which may be arranged by the IRC for legislators.

Debbie Hackman also shared a waste management training opportunity hosted by the Association of Solid Waste Management Districts and conducted by SWANA.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2019 at the IDEM, Shadeland Office.

6. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting concluded at 12:06pm